

PROSPERITY REACHES PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Hope, Long Deferred, Seems to Have Been at Last Realized.

GENERAL INCREASE IN OUTPUT

Fig Iron Market Stronger Steel Mills are Running Well Up to Capacity and Tube and Tin Plate Market is Giving General Encouragement.

After long deferred hope, prosperity seems to have at last returned to the mills of the Pittsburgh district. For the first time in two years practically all the iron and steel plants in this section are running to capacity. Here and there are some which are idle for a day or two a week, but for the most part they are running full time and giving employment to all the men possible. And the activity is almost certain to continue at least until July while the iron and steel men are hoping that no matter what turn may be taken in politics the demand will be such that much of the activity will be assured for a much longer period.

Since the first of the year there has been something like an increase of 20 per cent in the general output in the Pittsburgh district. Last week there was more steel shipped from this district than in any one week in the history of the industry and while this remarkable record is not expected to be maintained the feeling of confidence throughout the district is such that the near approach of the record until the conclusion of the half year is looked for.

The pig iron market is showing equally remarkable activity and during March all records for output were broken. Pig iron being turned out at the rate of 250,000 tons a year for the first time in history. All the furnaces are running to capacity and there is no prospect of diminution with every indication that the record for March will be ready if not altogether equalled.

The marked improvement in the situation since the first of the year has been apparent everywhere, but nowhere more so than in the new Allegheny department of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company at Woodland where 5,000 men are now employed in all the activities of the corporation. Many improvements have been made at Woodland during the past few months including 12 new mills in addition to 12 in operation before a second wire rod mill three blast furnaces of 60 tons capacity daily each three tilting hot steel furnaces of 30 tons capacity daily each a blast and blooming mill and the steel railway line. The city workers of the company are being run on practically full time.

While the works of the Carnegie Steel Company are being run to capacity there are no extended improvements being made at present. The Edgar Thomson works are running on full time and the Carnegie works had been planned to extend these works and convert them from Bessemer to open hearth but the officials decided some time ago to postpone this improvement until next year.

The Crucible Steel Company's plants while not running to full capacity are busier than in some time and representatives of that company say that the feeling for increased business is growing better daily and that in the near future should see a decided impetus on a rather permanent basis. The activity of the Carnegie plants is in keeping with that of the other plants in the district. At McKeesport the works of the National Tube Company are running practically full time for the first time since the extension of the plant while the other mills in the district are running at near capacity. The works at McKeesport Tinsplate Company have been busy for some time with every indication of a continuance of activity while one of the signs of the better conditions was the announcement Monday that the Denham works of the American Sheet & Tinsplate Company would resume operation of the entire plant of 10 mills on full double turn on April 10.

COMMISSION MAY INVESTIGATE COUNTRY'S MINING INDUSTRY

Bill Introduced in Congress Providing for Probe Into Mining Conditions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—Members of Congress mine operators and miners are urging the creation by Congress of a commission to make a thorough investigation of the mining industry as suggested in a bill introduced today by Rep. Representative Nathan D. Foster (Illinois) of the minority of the House Committee on Mines and Mining.

Under the provisions of the bill the commission would be composed of two members of the Senate including the chairman of the Committee on Mines and Mining and one member to be appointed by the President of the Senate. Two members of the House, including the chairman of the Committee on Mines and Mining and one member to be appointed by the President of the House. The bill also provides for the appointment of a special investigator to be appointed by the President of the United States.

ANTHRACITE MINERS BUSY

While Waiting For Settlement Organize Non-Union Mine.

PHILADELPHIA, April 6.—Today will wind up a week of idleness in the anthracite coal fields and during that time no disturbance directly at but a few to the miners has occurred. The miners seem content to wait the result of the conference which will take place in this city on April 10. The non-union miners employed at the Oxford colliery, the only non-union colliery of any importance in the region, organized a union today and became affiliated with the United Mine Workers of America.

NORTHWEST COAL FIELDS ANTICIPATE TIEM UP IN FALL

Working Agreements Expire in September and October and Reduction Will Be Attempted.

Washington, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado coal fields from which the intermountain and Pacific States draw their supplies will be tied up by strikes next fall according to whole sale dealers in Spokane and in anticipation of a prolonged battle between the miners and the operators the yards are laying in unusually large stocks.

The reason for assuming there will be a period of inactivity at the mines in the four States is that the two years working agreements will expire in September and October. It is generally thought that the operators will attempt to lower the wage scale, which they believe is too high when compared to the market prices and the returns on the investment.

Much depends on the outcome of the strike in the east. said J. F. Ragsdale, President of the Labor Union & Ice Company of Spokane. He is informed that the working agreements in southern Wyoming expire September 1st in Montana Washington and Colorado the other domestic coal producing States of the West a month later.

The operators in the Bear Creek district in Montana are paying the highest mining scale in the western part of the United States. I am not certain whether it is as high as that paid in the Crow's Nest Pass district in Canada or not. The operators say it is lower than it should be. It is the best interests of the district to have a reduction in wages.

I believe there are practically no operators who have made any money during the last two years and I would not be surprised if the operators themselves insisted strongly that there be a lowering of the scale. Fully one third of the domestic coal sold in eastern Washington and northern Idaho comes from the Bear Creek district. Operators in Montana and Wyoming are working, etc. together and making concessions are made on but sides I look for a tie up in the Bear Creek and Wyoming fields.

John W. Bell manager of the Roslyn Fuel Company in Spokane said that the agreement in the Roslyn fields will expire some time next summer. I understand the miners will again hold out for the so-called bank to bank agreement, which would give them time from the moment they leave the surface until they return. said C. E. Maxson sales agent for the Carney Coal Company, a northern Wyoming producer. On the other hand I believe the operators will make an effort to secure a five year work agreement instead of the two year term.

James S. Lumsden President of the P. & W. Fuel Company expressed the opinion that much depends on the outcome of the eastern strike situation. Adding: Southern Wyoming alone if it were tied up by a strike would seriously affect Spokane because the other fields would have to supply the bill orders of that district in the Lewiston, Portland and Walla Walla districts.

WEST PENN ENGINEERS FINISH SURVEY WORK ON EXTENSION

The New Road Between Latrobe and Hecla Will Give Access to About 10,000 People.

West Penn engineers engaged on the planned Mt Pleasant-Latrobe line expect to finish their work between Hecla and Bogert today. This will complete the survey work and the right of way men under C. W. Brooks will start it soon. It is said in the miners' way of welcome the new road line. The company hopes to complete a great part of the work this summer.

In an interview given to Greensburg yesterday J. L. Frisica Chief Engineer said that the new line, when completed would give access to about 10,000 people. The line will connect with the Latrobe Street Railway at Biggley. In response to a query as to the proposed line to West Newton the chief engineer said that this line is yet being considered between Janket and West Newton.

BURNED BY MOLTEN IRON

Nine Foundry Workers Caught in Furnace Showers.

MARION, O., April 8.—Caught in a shower of molten iron at the Union Steam Shovel Company's foundry, last night nine operatives were burned three probably fatally. Clyde Harriman John Schutte and Charles G. Letterer with their clothes burst off were taken to the Marion City hospital where it was said they will not live.

The six other men escaped with minor injuries. The explosion was caused by a report of a gas and water in the white heat mixture. The heat was overpowered by the force of the explosion and the building set on fire.

OLIVER LEASE CANCELLED

Full of Humors Talk at Big Mine Too Great.

DULUTH, Minn., April 8.—So great has been the toll of human life during the past eight months in the operation of the big Noranda Mine at Virginia Minn. that the five owners have canceled the lease held by the Oliver Iron Mining Company (the United States Steel Corporation).

The notice of cancellation and the reason therefore was served upon the officials of the Oliver company on February 1st but the papers were not filed until Saturday.

Lumines Change Ownership. PENNSYLVANIA, Pa., April 6.—The Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal & Iron Company, affiliated with the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Fuel Company has purchased the Pennsylvania Iron Company's furnace here and has assumed charge. L. W. Robinson has been chosen president of the new organization. The directors are L. W. Robinson, J. P. Tinsbury, Frank G. St. Clair, J. Dubois, Frank W. Beck and B. M. Clark of Pennsylvania, and J. W. Kennedy of Dubois.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN The Lower Connellsville District With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Apr. 6, 1912

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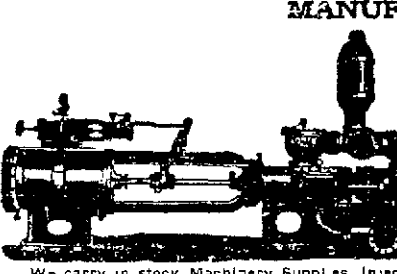
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PLANNING FOR THE TRAFFIC

It is Not Expected Scheduled Service
From Pittsburgh to Baltimore Will
Be Attempted Before July, When
New Equipment is Delivered.

It is said that track laying on the new Connellsville-Cumberland extension of the Western Maryland will be completed by April 20, and that the junction of the route with the New York Central will then be an assured fact. It is not expected, however, that through trains between Baltimore and Pittsburgh will be moving before June 1.

The heads of the freight and passenger departments of the company have collected the necessary data for the preparation of tariffs and they will be sent out as soon as President Robertson and General Manager Shepherd give the word.

Scheduled or competing service will probably not be undertaken before July, or perhaps later, in the summer. By that time the delivery of the new equipment will probably have been begun and the Western Maryland will be in a position to enter the field as a competitor of the Baltimore & Ohio and the Pennsylvania railroads for Western traffic to Baltimore. It will then become a trunk line in reality.

The New York Central's vast business in steel products, manufactures, coal and coke for export has grown beyond its facilities for handling and it is expected that the new line to Baltimore not only as a relief but also because of the natural advantages.

The Western Maryland Railroad Company has just awarded to the Sanford & Brooks Company a contract for dredging in the vicinity of its piers at Port Corington. The contract calls for a depth of water of 31 feet on each side and for the full length of the new pier and from the end of the pier to the regular channel which has long been established in the Patuxent river. The intervening space between the two Western Maryland channels is to be dredged out to the same depth.

The work will be begun at once, but it is not expected to be finished much before August 1.

CONSUMPTION OF RAILS BY RAILROADS ON DECREASE

Last Year the Railroads Took Only
2,822,790 Tons of Steel Rails
2,834,029 in 1910.

That most of the decrease in steel production last year resulted from poor buying on the part of the railroad companies is evident from the fact that the total output of steel rails was 2,822,790 tons, the smallest in three years.

The railroads, in fact, do not appear to be consuming as large a tonnage in rails as they did ten years ago, notwithstanding a pronounced expansion in freight as well as passenger traffic. Then, again, the tendency has been toward heavier rails. The weight of the rail for popular use has increased between 10 and 20 per cent over the last decade. Had purchases last year been based upon the weight of the rail per yard ten years ago production would not have been much over 2,500,000 tons.

As far back as 1899 this country produced 2,272,000 tons of rails, and in 1900, 2,335,000 tons. In 1901-2-3 production averaged close to 3,000,000 tons a year. It would appear from these statistics that the railroads are greatly in need of rails, and it is because of the small purchases over the last several years that producers are entertaining hopes of an early buying movement.

Railroad producers are of the opinion that the output of steel rails this year will be much heavier than in the preceding year. Should the committee working on rail quality arrive at a definite conclusion as to what sort of a rail the railroads should buy, orders might show an improvement at once. As it is certain railroads are in the market for an aggregate of several hundred thousand tons of steel rails.

PENNSYLVANIA PLANS TO TAP RICH SOMERSET COAL

Will Soon Begin Extension Along
Shade Creek Into Virgin Field.
Big Timber Tract There.

JOHNSTOWN, April 5.—It was announced yesterday that the Pennsylvania railroad engineers have begun surveys for the extension of the South Fork branch of the system into the heart of the Shade township, Somerset county, the general route to be followed being that of Shade creek. The extension will be 8 or 10 miles in length and will tap the best coal fields in Somerset county and an immense timber tract just across the Bedford county line, now controlled by M. McNeal of Windber. A town the size of Windber is promised in the new field within the next two or three years. It was stated yesterday that work on the proposed extension will begin within two or three months and that in time the road may be extended as far south as Berlin, Somerset county, where other immense coal tracts await development.

March Coal Shipments Heavy.
CHARLESTON, Pa., April 5.—In spite of the fact that navigation was suspended several days, March has been the best coal month in the Monongahela river trade for a year. Shipments through Lock No. 4 amounted to 17,426,000 bushels, about 2,000,000 bushels above the average.

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P. R. R. ISSUES APPEAL AGAINST STRIKE VOTE

Company Says It Cannot Afford to
Increase Employees' Wages.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The Pennsylvania railroad issued last night "an appeal to employees, stockholders and the public," explaining its position in refusing the demands of the locomotive engineers for an increase in wages. The strike ballot that has been distributed among the engineers claims, but not offer any proof, the statement says, that the railroads should be able to meet the advance.

"The engineers must realize that the wages are liberal," the statement continues, "their treatment by the company in the past has been fair and the statement by its officers that the increase demanded cannot be met without a reduction of dividends or curtailment of improvements should convince them that it is unwise to press the demands and that they should vote accordingly."

Statistics are presented in the appeal alleging to show how the public has benefited since 1890 by the "reduced cost to the public" for hauling passengers and freight on the Pennsylvania and by many improvements "producing no revenue" expenditures for which, it is stated, must be continued. Meanwhile, the statement adds, passenger earnings per mile have decreased, taxes have increased and wages have increased both actually, and in proportion to every dollar earned by the company. Based on 1911 operations the increase would wipe out the company's surplus, it is asserted.

MOUNTAIN PARK LAND CO. BUYS MUCH REAL ESTATE

But Two More Important Lots Re-
main to Be Secured For Big
Dam on Cheat River.

Deals for the purchase of 205 acres of land on the Cheat river have been closed by the Mountain Park Land Company. Only two other important properties remain to be secured by the company on its gigantic power proposition. These lots are in possession of the Kendall Lumber Company and it is thought that a transfer has been practically arranged.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the West Virginia Power & Transmission Company which has been organized for the purpose of transmitting and supplying power to West Virginia consumers. The company will handle the output of power derived from the Mountain Park Land Company's dam with the exception of one that used in the plant on the West Penn line.

In case the water supply in the Cheat cannot generate power at any time, a supply will be secured from the big dam here. The Mountain Park Land Company is preparing for active work on the dam construction.

WEST PENN TO BUILD LINE FROM IRWIN TO McKEESPORT

Big Trolley Company Will Have Un-
broken Service Through
This Section.

News from McKeesport that a connecting link between Versailles and Irwin was to be built by the West Penn line was confirmed at the offices of the company here this morning. Engineers are now surveying a preliminary route and as soon as this is definitely decided on, the actual work will begin.

The connecting link will mean that from Brownsville to Pittsburgh by way of Uniontown, Connellsville and Greensburg there will be no break in the line. All of the divisions are known as the West Penn except between Greensburg and Irwin, the Pittsburgh, McKeesport and Greensburg subsidiary. The route will run through Snake Hollow and connect at Olympia park, near McKeesport. The new line will give residents of Irwin and other nearby towns a quick access to McKeesport and Pittsburgh.

EMBRYO CITIZENS WERE PUT THROUGH THE PACES

Applicants for Naturalization Papers
Are Quizzed by the
Commissioner.

UNIONTOWN, April 5.—United States Naturalization Examiner Theodore F. Schumaker spent the morning examining the applicants for naturalization papers who faced him here today. More than 30 were questioned, besides a number of witnesses. Several were rejected because their witnesses had been qualified in other counties and neglected to bring their papers along.

The session was preliminary to naturalization court which will be held this afternoon when those recom- mended by the commissioner will be granted their papers.

GILDAY IS RE-ELECTED.

Miners of District No. 2 Hear Result
of Referendum Vote.

DUBOIS, Pa., April 5.—The delegates of district No. 2 yesterday heard the results of the election last November. President Patrick Gilday was re-elected as was Secretary Richard Gilbert. Thomas Haggerty was re-elected national board member. James Purcell was elected vice president and George Bassett, Thomas Haggerty and L. L. Neurn, auditors. District board members are as follows: No. 1, George Crago; No. 2, Harry Crago; No. 3, Richard Baxter; No. 4, William Tunstall; No. 5, James Sullivan; No. 6, William Davidson; No. 7, Hugh McGinty; No. 8, Frank White; No. 9, Robert Lindy.

The scale committee submitted its draft of the scale that is to be presented to the operators. There are 21 sections in the scale.

Pension Bill Hearing.
A hearing was given Thursday by a sub-committee of the House Committee on Pensions on the bill introduced by Representative T. S. Crago paying the widows of soldiers who served in the war with Spain and in the Philippine insurrection on the same basis as the widows of the Civil War soldiers. Representative Curtis H. Gregg of Pennsylvania, other Congressmen, and officials of associations of Spanish war veterans spoke in support of the bill.

ILL ADVISED IS THE METAL TARIFF

Republican Majority of Sen-
ate Committee Raps Under-
wood Measure.

GOES BELOW MARGIN OF SAFETY

Hearings Before Committee Indicate
Widespread Opposition to Reduc-
tions—Committee Believes Figures
Not Based on Accurate Information.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Ill advised and most unfortunate legislation, is the commentary expected today by the Republican majority of the senate finance committee of Democratic metals schedule revision. "The bill," the report declared, "would reduce the measure of protection below the margin of safety and tend to destroy one of our most important industries, opening wide our domestic markets to foreign steel and iron products. It is not only unprofitable, but also fails as a revenue measure, as it would result in a deficit for which no provision is made, it is based upon open hearings, not upon any investigation of manufacturing conditions, labor cost, or other facts necessary to be known, it is not responsive to any need or necessity for a general revision of the rate of the present metal schedule, and should not therefore be enacted."

"Hearings before the senate committee," the report continued "indicate widespread opposition to the reductions proposed."

"Your committee," the majority declares, "is of the opinion that a general reduction of metal schedule not based on the most accurate and definite information possible to obtain would be dangerous. This bill makes an average reduction of about 30 per cent. So radical and unreasonable a reduction must result in either forcing manufacturers to reduce wages or to close their factories."

BONDS OVER SUBSCRIBED

Many Eager to Take the Steel
Corporation's New Issue.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Subscriptions running well above \$100,000,000 were received today by the banking syndicate composed of J. P. Morgan & Co., the First National Bank, the National City Bank, Lee Higginson & Co., and Klinefelter & Co. for the \$100,000,000 bond issue recently authorized by three subsidiaries of the United States Steel Corporation.

The subscriptions came from all parts of this country and Europe. The sale was not only a highly gratifying success from the standpoint of the bankers concerned, but gave a fillip to the cheerful sentiment recently prevailing in financial circles.

The effect of the heavy subscriptions was plainly visible in the stock market, for it indicated very favorable investment conditions. It is the first large bond issue for weeks, though many of the smaller amounts have been well taken.

The bond issue is divided as follows: \$11,000,000 Indiana Steel first mortgage 5 per cent gold bonds; \$10,000,000 National Tube first mortgage 5 per cent, and \$5,000,000 Illinois Steel 4 1/2 per cent gold bonds.

THREE WEEKS' SUSPENSION.

Miners Decide to Await Result of
Referendum on Scale.

Coal miners throughout Western Pennsylvania will remain idle until Monday, April 8, pending out of three weeks' suspension in accordance with a decision reached Wednesday at the convention of District No. 5. The delegates decided to await the result of the international referendum vote to be tabulated April 26.

The poorly organized Mercer-Pittsburgh-Armytage body will be excepted, the men continuing at work with the companies paying the increased wages. There was general agreement yesterday that the Cleveland wage scale compromise would be approved. John Mitchell addressed the convention, congratulating the members on gaining the Cleveland scale.

PLENTY OF FUNDS.

Pennsylvania Will Not Do Any New
Financing This Year.

Contrary rumor circulated in financial quarters last week, the Pennsylvania directors, it can be stated on good authority, have not recently considered the question of new financing. As yet the company has not spent any substantial part of the funds raised last year through sale of 240,000 stock and in consequence its cash position is exceptionally strong. As a matter of fact it might be said that Pennsylvania closed 1911 with the largest year-end balance of quick assets in its history.

NOTES FROM SHARON.

Six Furnaces of Ohio Works of Carnegie Co. Establish Record.
SHARON, April 5.—Six blast furnaces of the Ohio works of Carnegie Steel Company, group in Youngstown, O., established a world's record for March, reaching 50,000 tons; previous record of the furnace for 31 days was 48,000 tons.

Ten additional freight crews have been put to work on the Bessemer & Lake Erie road of the United States Steel Corporation. The Bessemer's traffic has reached record figures this spring owing to the large coal tonnage and the early moving of ore to the Pittsburgh mills.

Miners May Resume.
PITTSBURGH, April 4.—The delegates to the convention of District No. 5, United Mine Workers, today voted to allow the miners of the Greensburg-Irwin field to resume work, pending the result of the referendum vote now being taken.

Annual Coal Consumption.
Estimates place the coal consumed on the oceans of the world at approximately 75,000,000 tons per annum, valued at over \$250,000,000.

OUTLET FOR ALASKA COAL WANTED BY GUGGENHEIMS

President is Unable to Give Assur-
ances of Action by
Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 5.—President Taft gave a hearing yesterday on Alaska and the prospects for its development, to Senator Guggenheim of Colorado, the brother Daniel Guggenheim and several experts of the Guggenheim Company. Secretary Fisher was present and Vice President Sherman, at the invitation of the President, was an interested listener.

The Guggenheims were anxious to know what to expect in the way of legislation allowing the development of Alaska's natural resources, particularly coal. They control the Copper River Railroad planned to tap the Bering coal fields. For this road there is now practically no traffic and the opening of the coal field would insure big tonnage. They were reported interested also in Secretary Fisher's plan to build a government railroad in Alaska, which would not compete with the Copper River road.

Neither the President nor Secretary Fisher would predict action by Congress, although the President has suggested to Congress the necessity of providing a leasing plan that will allow the fields to be opened.

Falcon J. Smith of Fairbanks, Alaska, representing the American Mining Congress before the House Territories Committee to try to locate a bill to authorize the President to build a 200-mile railroad in Alaska over any route which would best develop the resources of that territory. The same committee has a bill providing for a commission to investigate a project for a railroad from Resurrection Bay to the Yukon Valley and another introduced by Secretary Fisher, to clothe the President with discretion to build such a railroad with the equipment and supplies of the Panama canal work.

The bill advocated by the mining congress calls for a commission headed by an army engineer and would authorize an issue of three per cent bonds.

IRON AND STEEL MOVEMENT.

Imports for February \$1,887,309, and
Exports \$21,801,576.

Advance sheets of Monthly Summary of Commerce and Finance, issued by the Bureau of Statistics, Department of Commerce and Labor, place the value of imports of iron and steel manufactures for February at \$1,887,309, as compared with \$2,115,600 for February, 1911, and for eight months ended February 29, 1912, \$15,478,475, as compared with \$13,298,159 for same period of 1911 and \$24,157,650 in 1910.

Exports of iron and steel manufactures for February are valued at \$21,801,576, as compared with \$18,600,752 for February, 1911, and for eight months ended February 29, 1912, \$184,177,184, as compared with \$112,272,801 for same period of 1911 and \$111,184,177 in 1910.

RAILROADS LACK EQUIPMENT.

Managers Believed to Be Watching
Early Government Crop Reports.

There is reason to believe that the early Government crop reports will be awaited with keen interest this year than usual, particularly by railroad managers and officers of the equipment companies. Railroad men admit that the railroads are poorly provided with equipment, and if the crop prospect should hold through the next two months as good as it is now there will be something like a scramble to place equipment orders for early delivery.

New Iron Range Discovered.
FORT FRANCES, Ont., Apr. 5.—Fort Frances and the country directly north of the city are excited over the discovery of a new iron range, extending 75 miles with a width of 10 miles. Miners and experts are flocking to the district and this section seems destined to undergo another "rush" like that of 1896.

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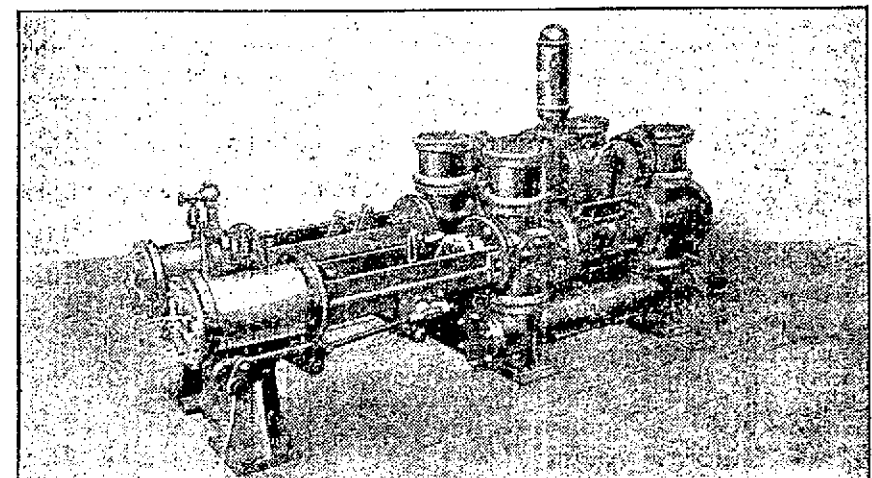
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